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Today's Weather.

Portland, Dec. 3.—Oregon and Washington, Sunday, fair, except light rain near immediate coast. Eastern Oregon and Washington, fair and cool.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

Humanity recognizes all customs and laws founded upon the principles of equity and justice. "He that seeks equity, must do equity," is a maxim of law. He that seeks justice, must do justice as an established precedent.

At the time of promulgation of Christian doctrines, it was deemed necessary to pass laws commanding what is right and prohibiting what is wrong. Certain enumerated acts are regarded as criminal in their nature and the world is admonished against committing any of the evils stated.

The prohibition of certain employments and providing a punishment therefor, is upon the statute books of Oregon. That they are not more strictly enforced is due to the fact that many people tolerate a nuisance rather than complain of it.

Why should theaters be permitted to run on Sunday? While they may not be demoralizing in their tendencies, yet they are productive of no good.

given any more concessions than are given to business men? Here is a matter for the Astoria Ministerial Association to devise ways and means of securing a strict enforcement of Sunday closing laws, and in their efforts they will, no doubt, have the support of the press and a large majority of the citizens.

A SUNDAY SERMON.

Salvation is a blessing that all the treasure of the world can buy and is more often the possession of the poor man than the very rich. It is interesting, therefore, to learn in what manner it is regarded by one of the wealthiest young men of this century who combines all the genius of money making with a love for Bible teaching.

Salvation is an insurance against the hereafter. One must die to reap the full benefit of it. But no premium paid in life is too costly. Money, ease, pleasure and occupation have been freely surrendered and much more than these. Salvation is free to all who would pay the price.

What need more precious, what reward more golden than the doing of good, one to the other? The practical, helpful fellowship of man to man which takes to stone for the artificial boundaries of wealth and position.

Words are mere symbols when there is neither heart nor purpose behind them. The best sermons ever given to the world have been those thrilled with action. Christ gave flesh, blood and immortality to a philosophy which had been a dead thing.

It is a religion of acts, and these impress the most telling lessons. In this way can the very wealthy be the most eloquent and show the true spirit of Him who ushered us in from the dark and who with infinite love awaits beyond the pail the return of those who have learned His lesson.

From the tenor of a dispatch this morning, it is evident that the game laws of the state are not enforced. The dispatch states, in speaking of the Mongolian Pheasants, that "not only were they hunted during the open season, but for weeks before the 1st of October, the birds were hunted and many killed in violation of the law."

It is a well known fact, and the game warden knows it, that for a month prior to the opening of the season, Mongolian pheasants have been slaughtered. It was thought at the last session of the legislature, if the birds were not allowed to be sold, it would stop the slaughter.

The suggestion made that the law be so amended as to prohibit the killing of pheasants for three years, is a good one, but it should be further amended by striking out all after the enacting clauses. This will put the game warden out of business and the laws will be as effectually enforced as at the present time.

PLIGHT OF BURGLAR

Thousands Gather to See his Rescue on Fifth Avenue.

HIS OWN "JIMMEY" IS USED

Victim of Burglary is the Burglar and Officer of the Law Has to Rescue the Man From Sub Cellar.

New York, Dec. 3.—With "Jimmies" he had left behind, the policemen and hospital surgeons have worked for two hours to release an alleged burglar from a subcellar in the rear of Nos. 4 and 6 West 14th street, where he had fallen or jumped after an exciting chase.

Thousands of persons gathered in Fifth avenue while the rescue was being made and while ropes were let down into the shaft to hoist Newman his groans could be plainly heard in the avenue. So great was the fellow pain that he repeatedly begged the policemen to end his sufferings with a bullet.

When Newman reached the end of the shaft there was the sound of breaking glass and crash below followed by a second noise near the foot of the shaft. Policemen were summoned, and with lanterns they searched a long time for the alleged burglar.

AGAINST FREE SHIPS.

Merchant Marine Commission Obtains Veins of Owners.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The Merchant Marine Commission, engaged in preparing its report and recommendations to congress. Further consideration was given to the various expedients which have been suggested for the rebuilding of the American merchant marine in the foreign trade.

Regarding the work of the commission, Senator Gallinger, its chairman, made the following statement: "On the question of free ships the commission has made a very thorough and searching inquiry as to the probable action of American shipowners."

Without exception, the American shipowners consulted by the commission declare that the passage of a simple free ship law, without some further encouragement to American shipping, would do nothing whatever to increase the American merchant marine.

TOBACCONISTS ARRESTED.

Campaign Against Cigarette Smoking Inaugurated in Portland.

Portland, Dec. 3.—As a result of the vigorous campaign started by the police against tobaccoists selling the weed to youngsters, warrants were issued this morning for the arrest of three tobacco merchants.

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MERCHANT MARINE.

No Incentive to Transfer Foreign Built Ships to American Registry.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Inquiries bearing on the Free Ship question have been sent by the Merchant Marine Commission to American owners of foreign-built ships. The letter containing the inquiries states that the comparison is charged by Congress to ascertain, if possible, the best method of increasing American tonnage in the over-seas trade.

The steamship men who answer are there would be no incentive from a business point of view to transfer foreign-built ships to American registry if they would be confined exclusively to the foreign trade, but to duty, or any other government encouragement on account of the greater cost of operating vessels under the American flag than under some foreign flag.

Hold-up Arrested.

Arlington, Or., Dec. 3.—Marshal T. D. Sweten, of Arlington, has arrested Charles McWaters, who is wanted at The Dalles on a charge of holding up a clerk in The Dalles, Tuesday night, and robbing him of \$10, and yesterday morning assaulting and robbing a Swede of \$15, making his escape on a freight train.

IN MEMORIAM.

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- 1—Solo, Reclatave and Aria, "Soft Southern Breeze," Arthur L. Alexander.
2—Angles, orchestra.
3—Quartet, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," Mrs. Charles Callender, Mrs. A. A. Finch, Mr. Otto Graf and Mr. Geo. C. Watkins.
4—Solo, "At Last," Mrs. Anna Selkirk Norton.
Part II.
1—Solo, "Face to Face," Miss Reba Hobson.
2—Meresere, Orchestra.
3—Address, Mr. John McCue.
4—Duet, "Holy Mother Guide His Footsteps," Miss Reba Hobson and Mrs. Anna Selkirk Norton.
5—"Sanctus," Solo and Chorus, Mr. Arthur L. Alexander.
6—Recitation, "Thantopsis," Bro. W. E. Schimpff.
7—Quartette, "Gone to Rest," Miss Stella Stephenson, Miss Laura McCann, Mr. Otto Graf and Mr. Geo. C. Watkins.

Passing of Cables.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—The Record Herald today says: A plan to substitute the overland trolley for the cable system now in use on the lines of the Chicago Union Traction company through an order issued by Judge Gossup in the United States circuit court for "improvements," is said to be back of the petition of the Receivers of the company for permission to issue certificates amounting to \$2,400,000 or more.

Notice to Stockholders.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia River Packers Association will be held at the offices of the company at Astoria, Oregon, on December 12th, 1904, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may properly be considered.

Astoria, Or., Nov. 28, 1904. GEO. H. GEORGE, Sec'y.

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